

Application No.: 09/543,011

locking member having an engaging hole which is engageable with the front segment of the locking claw portion to connect the second panel to the frame.

11. (Four Times Amended) An IC card comprising:

a frame fabricated from an injection molding material and having an inner wall defining an internal space of the IC card;

a first panel fabricated from metal material and having a L-shaped locking member having a hanging portion and a locking claw portion forming the L-shape with the hanging portion and a rear segment of the locking claw portion being fixedly and immovably embedded and held in the frame to connect the first panel to the frame with a front segment of the locking claw portion projecting into the internal space from the inner wall of the frame;

a second panel fabricated from metal material and having an engaging locking member having an engaging hole which is engageable with the front segment of the locking claw portion inside the frame, said engaging locking member comprising a guiding portion that extends obliquely toward the internal space; and

a circuit board assembly constructed by mounting a connector on the circuit board, the circuit board assembly being contained between the first panel and the second panel.

31. (Amended) A frame kit for an IC card, comprising:

a generally U-shaped frame fabricated from an injection molding material and having an inner wall defining an internal space confined within the frame;

a first panel fabricated from metal material and including a L-shaped locking member having a hanging portion and a locking claw portion with the hanging portion and a rear segment of the locking claw portion connected to the hanging portion being integrally molded with the frame such that the first panel is connected to the frame as a result of the hanging portion and the rear segment being fixedly and immovably embedded into and thereby held in the frame, wherein a front segment of the locking claw portion connected to and extending from the rear segment projects out